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SUBJECT: MAJOR DEFECTIONS FROM THE PPP

1. PAKISTAN'S PRESS AUGUST 18 REPORTS MAJOR DEFECTIONS FROM THE PAKISTAN PEOPLE'S PARTY IN PUNJAB. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IS SYED NASIR RIZVI, WHO UNTIL HIS RESIGNATION AUGUST 17, WAS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PPP. RIZVI WAS ONE OF THE PPP'S PUNJAB POWERHOUSES, AND COMPARED WITH OTHER PUNJABI PPP LUMINARIES, DISPLAYED RELATIVE PROBITY AND POLITICAL ACUMEN.

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2. RIZVI HAS TAKEN WITH HIM OTHER IMPORTANT FUNCTIONARIES IN THE PUNJAB PPP. ALSO RESIGNING AUGUST 17 WERE MR. RIAZ HUSSEIN QURESHI, PRESIDENT PPP MULTAN DISTRICT, AND A MEMBER OF THE VERY INFLUENTIAL QURESHI FAMILY. (QURESHI'S COUSING, NAWAB QURESHI, IS THE FORMER CHIEF MINISTER OF THE PUNJAB.) THE PPP PRESIDENTS IN VEHARI AND RAHIMYAR KHAN DISTRICTS, AND THE PRESIDENT IN RAHIMYAR KHAN CITY ALSO SUBMITTED THEIR RESIGNAT-

IONS. ALSO JOINING THE EXODUS FROM THE PPP WERE OTHER CITY AND SUB-DISTRICT PRESIDENTS FROM THE PUNJAB.

3. IN LAHORE, FORMER FEDERAL MINISTER MALIK MOHAMMED AKHTAR, WHO ENGAGED IN MASSIVE RIGGING TO WIN HIS LAHORE SEAT IN THE MARCH ELECTION, RESIGNED FROM THE PARTY ON AUGUST 17. IN A TELEGRAM TO PARTY CHAIRMAN BHUTTO, AKHTAR SAID THAT HE WOULD CONTEST THE OCTOBER ELECTION AS AN INDEPENDENT. ANOTHER FORMER FEDERAL MINISTER, RANA HANIF, ALSO SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION. FORMER PPP SENATOR FROM ISLAMABAD, NARQIS ZAMAN KIANI, EXPRESSED HIS DISSATISFACTION OVER THE ALLOCATION OF ELECTION TICKETS, AND SAID THAT HE WOULD STAND FROM ISLAMABAD AS AN INDEPENDENT. SPECULATION IN ISLAMABAD IS THAT KIANI WILL PROBABLY TAKE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF LOCAL EXPERIENCED PARTY WORKERS WITH HIM.

4. COMMENT: SOME RESIGNATIONS FROM THE PPP WERE EXPECTED FROM THOSE WHO WERE DISSATISFIED WITH THE ALLOCATION OF ELECTION TICKETS. HOWEVER, THE CALIBER AND PROMINENCE OF THE RECENT DEFECTORS INDICATES THAT THE EXODUS GOES BEYOND THE BAILING OUT OF BAD SPORTS. THE FACT THAT ALL THOSE WHO RESIGNED ARE FROM THE PUNJAB, PAKISTAN'S POLITICAL HEART, AND WERE IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THE PARTY, WILL CERTAINLY WEIGH HEAVILY ON BHUTTO AS HE CONSIDERS HIS TENTATIVE DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMING POLLS.  
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